

CLAIMS

- 1 4. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is secured to gripping tabs by
2 hard solder.
- 3 5. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is stamped as one piece with
4 correct spacing.
- 5 6. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said pair of gripping tabs extends farther
6 outward than said spring fingers.
- 7 7. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said pair of gripping tabs has
8 a greater width than either of said spring fingers.
- 9 8. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs have an indentation or
10 dip in the material of the gripping tabs to facilitate gripping thereof.
- 11 9. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said gripping tabs is a shaped
12 piece of metal secured to said base plate.
- 13 10. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which the opening in said base plate is centrally
14 located and said base plate's surface has a funnel shaped depressed area around
15 said opening to facilitate entry of a jewelry post into said opening.
- 16 11. A clasp for gripping a post extending from the back of a piece of jewelry said
17 clasp comprising:
18 a. a generally circular base plate having a first surface for facing toward
19 said piece of jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece
20 of jewelry, a centrally located opening in said base plate for passing a
21 jewelry post there through;
- 22 b. a pair of opposed spring fingers on said second surface positioned to
23 frictionally engage opposed sides of a jewelry post when said post is

passed through said opening;

c. a pair of opposed user gripping tabs extending outwardly from said second surface to a position where said tabs can be gripped by a user for removal of said clasp from said jewelry post, said tabs being spaced away from said spring fingers, and being of a distinctive shape from said spring fingers:

d. a metal separator of a shape which keeps said tabs from being squeezed together by the pressure of the user's grip.

12. The jewelry clasp of claim 1 including at least one earring stabilizer extending radially outward from said base plate.

13. The jewelry clasp of claim 12 in which said earring stabilizer includes first and second generally parallel extension bars and a stabilizing member connected to at least one of said first and second extension bars.

14. The jewelry clasp of claim 13 in which first and second bars project radially outward from said base plate at a position adjacent one of said gripping tabs.

15. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 including at least one earring stabilizer extending radially outward from said base plate.

16. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said earring stabilizer includes first and second generally parallel extension bars and a stabilizing member connected to at

least one of said first and second extension bars.

17. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second extension bars project radially outward from said base plate at a position adjacent to one of said gripping tabs

1 18. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second exterior bars are
2 secured to said plates by solder.

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